

Invertebrate Biology

The University of Texas - Pan American (UTPA) Department of Biology seeks to fill a tenure track, Assistant Professor Faculty position beginning fall 2014 in Invertebrate Biology (Job Vacancy F13/14-002), pending budget approval. A PhD in a relevant field is required; postdoctoral experience is preferred. The area of research is open to many areas of Invertebrate Biology but we are especially interested in research with an emphasis in marine invertebrates.

The position provides opportunities for the successful candidate to develop their own research program, teach advanced courses, and participate in the mentoring of master's students. The successful candidate will teach both undergraduate and graduate courses, including Invertebrate Zoology, Freshman Biology, and courses in their area of interest/expertise; conduct externally-funded research; and participate in departmental service activities. The Biology Department at UTPA welcomes new research activities, research collaborations among its faculty, and is committed to quality research and teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

UTPA is located in a region of unusual biological diversity and interest, the subtropical Rio Grande Valley, and is near both the Laguna Madre, one of the world's few hypersaline lagoons, and the Gulf of Mexico. UTPA also maintains the Coastal Studies Lab, a research and teaching facility located on South Padre Island that would be of particular use for a program involving marine research. UTPA is the tenth largest university in Texas with undergraduate enrollment over 19,000 students and is developing initiatives to become the premier research institution in South Texas. Lab space, salary, and start-up funds are negotiable. Information on the UTPA Biology Department can be found at www.utpa.edu/dept/biology/.

Applications should be sent by e-mail as PDF attachments to: cosm@utpa.edu. Complete applications consist of a cover letter stating the position and the vacancy number, CV describing research and teaching experience, statements of teaching and research interests, and three reference letters sent separately. Please do not send publication reprints. Applications should be addressed to: Invertebrate Biology Search, The University of Texas – Pan American, College of Science and Mathematics Dean's Office, MAGC 2.316, 1201 West University Drive, Edinburg, TX 78539, U.S.A. Due date for applications is September 15, 2013. Incomplete applications or applications received after the due date will not be considered. Review of applications will begin on September 16, 2013.

UTPA is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, and qualified individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. This position is security-sensitive as defined by the Texas Education Code §51.215 © and Texas Government Code §411.094 (a) (2).

All UTPA employees are required to have a criminal background check (CBC). CBCs will be conducted of all candidates on the short list. Texas law requires faculty members whose primary language is not English to demonstrate proficiency in English as determined by a satisfactory paper-based test score of 500 (computer-based of 173 or internet-based of 61) on the Test of English as a

Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a satisfactory test score of 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)